

12 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Second Meeting of the 117L Advisory Committee at
the Rand Corporation, Los Angeles, California,
8-10 July 1958

1. As the CIA representative on the 117L Advisory Committee, I attended the committee's second meeting, held at the Rand Corporation, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 8 through 10 July 1958. With me were [redacted] from CIA who attended many of the committee sessions at Rand, but who in addition visited several companies in the area engaged under CIA contracts in manufacturing R & D items for HTA. A report of these activities will be forwarded under separate cover.

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2. The 117L Advisory Committee Chairman's informal report just received and forwarded herewith is fairly comprehensive and no duplication will be attempted. It was my observation, shared [redacted] that certain Air Force representatives should be briefed into the "T" system in order to more properly guide and evaluate their contractors' performance. Such questions as lead time required for P.I. reporting and expected information yields at certain levels of photographic scale and resolution could be more effectively answered with knowledge of our experience with the "T" system.

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3. I have discussed the subject meeting with Mr. Bissell and found him to be very much interested and concerned with the prospective success of the 117L Program. Mr. Bissell points out that almost 300 million dollars will be committed to this project and that he wants to do all that we can to avoid unnecessary mistakes in achieving the best possible performance from it. To that end, he has asked me to prepare two separate reports for him. The first would be for internal use only and should candidly point out what appear to us to be lack of clear objectives, misconceptions, mismatches in program timing, lack of coordination, etc. The second report would suggest names of Air Force program planners, contract officers or others who could profit most from a knowledge of our experience with the "T" system.

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4. Chairman Goode of the 117L Advisory Committee had never heard of Col. Macia USAF and his role as Chairman of the 117L Requirements Committee, on which I also serve as CIA representative. I urged that they get together and acting for Goode I have invited Col. Macia to the next 117L Advisory Committee Meeting which is to be held in Rand's Washington offices on 23-24 October 1958.

5. It is urged that you examine Chairman Goode's reporting of the Committee Discussion starting on p. 9 of the enclosure for a rather frank listing of the Project discrepancies noted in paragraph 2.

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Chief, HTA

Encl: Copy of Chairman Goode's
Informal Report of Sub-
ject Meeting

cc: Mr. R. M. Bissell

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